



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Potato Harvest Begins

Agricultural Summary

Idaho's potato harvest has begun for many farmers with Russet Norkotah potatoes in the Treasure Valley and the Magic Valley. Precipitation totals for the week ending August 23 were below normal for most stations. Rupert recorded the greatest accumulation at 0.56 inches. Average weekly temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal to 5 degrees above normal. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, and harvesting alfalfa, dry beans, small grains, and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate topsoil moisture to be 6% very short, 28% short, 64% adequate, and 2% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	--	--	7	65	28
Spring Wheat	--	1	7	72	20
Range & Pasture	--	8	24	55	13
Potatoes	1	--	6	88	5
Irr. Water Supply	--	2	6	74	18

Field Crop Report

A week of dry weather enabled North Idaho farmers to resume grain harvest after two weeks of delays. The previous two weeks of wet weather in North Idaho generated concern about sprout damage in soft white wheat. Fruit harvest continues in Southwest Idaho, where orchards are harvesting peaches, nectarines, prunes, and plums. Farmers in Southwest Idaho are also cutting mint fields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle and sheep continue to graze summer allotments and pastures. Reported range and pasture conditions remain well above last year.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2009	2008	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	1	1	1
Potato Vines Dying/Killed	24	12	26
Dry Beans Harvested	7	26	14
Dry Peas Harvested	59	53	70
Lentils Harvested	33	44	62
Oats Harvested	35	33	51
Peaches Harvested	25	36	45

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg
Spring Wheat Harvested	32	31	54	95	91	94	76	90	80	21	16	45	36	31	53
Barley Harvested	34	37	61	92	98	98	74	78	79	10	16	39	29	36	52
Winter Wheat Harvested	79	70	84	99	99	100	93	94	91	62	61	79	78	72	85
Potato Harvested	NA	NA	NA	13	9	9	1	1	4	--	--	--	1	1	2
Alfalfa Second Cutting....	77	92	90	99	100	100	98	100	99	77	77	87	89	88	93
Third Cutting.....	NA	NA	NA	53	56	70	42	65	67	1	7	17	28	39	47

Avg (2004 – 2008); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 23, 2009 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	94	47	69	0	0.07	-0.26	10.38	1.10	2925	1665	0
Grangeville	95	43	70	5	0.00	-0.30	13.63	0.41	2815	1563	316
Lewiston	102	56	77	4	0.00	-0.21	5.23	-0.76	3927	2433	239
Porthill	95	44	67	3	0.05	-0.23	10.67	2.52	2677	1442	97
Winchester	92	42	66	5	0.00	-0.28	12.14	-0.81	2266	1138	294
Southwest											
Boise	99	49	73	1	0.00	-0.11	8.27	3.23	3633	2157	38
Emmett	99	45	72	2	0.00	-0.13	6.78	1.83	3569	2150	98
Glenns Ferry	101	47	73	3	0.00	-0.07	8.04	4.17	3583	2151	93
Grandview	102	45	73	2	0.00	-0.07	3.78	0.53	3615	2143	-168
Nampa	98	50	72	2	0.00	-0.14	3.99	-0.36	3622	2155	15
Parma	100	48	74	5	0.00	-0.14	4.13	-0.61	3736	2250	222
South Central											
Fairfield	95	33	63	0	0.00	-0.14	7.42	1.70	2131	989	-184
Malta	102	33	66	-2	0.15	-0.07	7.44	1.24	2737	1450	-157
Picabo	98	42	68	4	0.08	-0.06	7.80	2.55	2583	1393	121
Rupert	100	42	68	0	0.56	0.42	5.28	0.83	2848	1549	-106
Twin Falls	96	43	68	2	0.00	-0.14	6.42	1.91	3105	1743	162
East											
Aberdeen	97	41	66	2	0.29	0.15	7.48	2.77	2673	1421	14
Ashton	90	35	61	-1	0.25	-0.03	10.13	0.98	2103	949	-127
Fort Hall	99	39	66	-1	0.27	0.06	8.11	1.99	2655	1406	-169
Idaho Falls	96	39	66	1	0.00	-0.14	6.81	1.28	2737	1455	-27
Lava Hot Springs	94	39	65	-3	0.00	-0.21	9.83	4.13	2597	1361	-214
Monteview	94	38	66	2	0.02	-0.16	5.72	0.29	2360	1168	-243
Preston	95	40	69	2	0.17	-0.04	9.77	2.37	2953	1623	-23
Rexburg	94	36	63	0	0.42	0.21	8.61	1.80	2279	1075	-72

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.